IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please change the paragraph at page 9, lines 4-15, to read:

Intermediate [[VII]] XI (10.5 g) is boiled in 5% HCl (250 ml) under a reflux condenser for 16 to 18 h. The course of the reaction is controlled with TLC detecting the starting substance. After the reaction is complete, the reaction mixture is concentrated to about 1/3 of its volume, then, a saturated solution of sodium carbonate (50 ml) is slowly added dropwise under stirring. After the addition, pH~10 is controlled and the reaction mixture is stirred for 0.5 hour, then let to crystallize at 0 °C. The precipitated crystals are sucked off and the filtrate is concentrated to ½ of its volume and let to crystallize at 0 °C. Both fractions (4 g + 8 g) of white to brownish crystals are combined and re-crystallized from water. The yield is 7.52 g (80 %).

¹H NMR: δ 0.99(d, J=6.2, 3H,C \underline{H}_3); 2.54(dd, J=13.6 J=6,8, 1H, C \underline{H}_2); 2.59 (dd, J=13.6; J=6.7; 1H, C \underline{H}_2); 3.00(sex, J=6.4; 1H, C \underline{H}); 3.53(bs, N \underline{H}_2); 3.92(s, 3H, C \underline{H}_3 O); 7.16(d, J=8.4; 1H, C \underline{H}_{arom}); 7.41(dd, J=8.4; J= 2.2; 1H, C \underline{H}_{arom}); 7.59(d, J=2.2; 1H, C \underline{H}_{arom}). (CD₃SOCD₃, 30 °C)

Please change the paragraph at page 12, lines 6-9, to read:

Intermediate [[VII]] $\underline{\text{VIII}}$, 6377 g (20.85 mol), is converted to the base with 10% aqueous solution of NaOH (15.9 l), extracted with ethylacetate, the solvent is evaporated and the evaporation residue is heated in acetanhydride (26.57 l) at 65 to 70 °C for 6 hours. After evaporation, 6693 g (~ 100 %) of intermediate IX were obtained.